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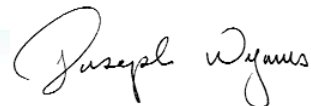
Indy Parks and Recreation is proud to offer quality programming for residents throughout Indianapolis and Marion County. With 172 parks, there is truly something for everyone. Quiet nature parks provide a respite from city life. Sports facilities help families stay active and healthy. And family centers offer social events and volunteer opportunities for seniors.

In 2004, Indy Parks partnered with schools, neighborhoods, social services and local businesses to build and expand three family centers, acquire 128 acres of parkland, and implement a citywide health and fitness initiative. The Indianapolis Parks Foundation and Indy Parks together received more than \$2 million in grants, funding initiatives like the free summer lunch program, which served more than 80,000 lunches to Indianapolis youth. And creative alliances and sponsorships allowed Indy Parks to expand its public arts programming.

Community investments like these improve the quality of life for all Indianapolis residents, strengthening our families, our neighborhoods and our community. We invite you to explore Indy Parks to see for yourself why our parks and recreation system is truly world class!



Bart Peterson, Mayor
City of Indianapolis



Joseph Wynns, Director
Indy Parks and Recreation

Mission

Indy Parks and Recreation shall provide clear leadership and well-defined direction for enhancing the quality of life for Indianapolis and Marion County residents by providing park and recreation resources and services that:

- Provide and/or facilitate quality recreation and leisure opportunities.
- Encourage and support natural and cultural resource stewardship and environmental education.
- Include safe, clean, and well-maintained park facilities for the community's fun and enjoyment.
- Promote and facilitate mutually beneficial countywide partnerships.

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Department Successes

- Provided services and facilities for 7,639,749 park visits through various programs, parks, facilities, and greenways.
- Received a value of \$2,355,393 through partnerships, sponsorships, and donations.
- Received over 30 grants for a total of \$2,157,877.
- Completed the 2004-2007 Indy Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.
- Completed a study on Latino park usage funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Clowes Fund, Inc. As part of the study, input was gained from the Latino community through surveys and interviews. The study consists of recommendations to equip Indy Parks to better serve the growing Indianapolis Latino community, including improvements to communication, programs, signage, and other topics.
- Partnered with the Indianapolis Parks Foundation to receive \$25,000 for senior health programs. The grant came from the Indianapolis Retirement Fund, a new fund at the Central Indiana Community Foundation. The grant will support Project SOAR—Specialized Older Adult Recreation—a series of comprehensive, preventative health, and fitness programs for Indianapolis' mature adults.
- Received a Marion County Historic Preservation Fund grant toward the scoping document of the Taggart Memorial located in Riverside Park.
- Director Joseph Wynns completed Diversity Leadership Academy of Greater Indianapolis American Institute for Managing Diversity, Inc.
- Director Joseph Wynns elected Trustee, National Recreation and Park Association Board of Trustees.

Department Awards

- National Recreation and Park Association's Excellence in Aquatics award
- City of Indianapolis named Sports Illustrated 50th Anniversary Sportstown for the state of Indiana
- Appreciation Award, National League of Cities and National Black Caucus Elected Officials
- Indianapolis was named a Tree City USA for the fourteenth straight year

Department Facilities

- 172 Parks
- 23 Aquatic Facilities including nine Outdoor Aquatic Centers, seven Outdoor Traditional Pools, two Indoor Aquatic Centers, four Indoor Traditional Pools, and one Beach
- 20 Greenways
- 19 Family Centers
- 13 Golf Courses
- 4 Nature Centers
- 4 Disc Golf Courses
- 2 Ice Rinks
- 2 Dog Parks
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Conservatory
- Arts Center
- Velodrome
- Skate Park
- BMX Complex



Partnering for Success

INDIANAPOLIS PARKS FOUNDATION

Enhancing the recreational, educational and cultural life of the Indianapolis community by encouraging and soliciting support for the parks system.

FRIENDS OF HOLLIDAY PARK

Preserving and maintaining Holliday Park as a place for recreation and the study of nature.

EAGLE CREEK PARK FOUNDATION

Preserving and protecting Eagle Creek Park and raising funds for park improvements, renovations, promotions and programs.

GREENWAYS FOUNDATION

Improving the quality of life and health in central Indiana through the conservation and development of an interconnected system of greenways.

FRIENDS OF GARFIELD PARK

Ensuring the preservation and continuation of the public benefits of Garfield Park through the enhanced funding, application of effective advocacy and expanded stewardship.

Community Recreation

The Community Recreation Division provides high-quality recreational services and opportunities to Marion County residents.

Community Recreation's core areas include:

- Family Centers
- Neighborhood Parks
- Arts Services
- Day Camps and After-School Programs

• Therapeutic and Inclusion Services

• Maturing Adult Programs

Service delivery is accomplished through:

- Direct service delivery
- Community partnerships
- Coordinating collaborative efforts with other agencies and organizations to most effectively meet the needs of our residents

2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Organized and hosted the 2004 Power Soccer World Invitational Tournament. One hundred and forty-five athletes with various disabilities participated during the five-day tournament. Teams from Japan and France were present.
- Created the Indiana Adaptive Soapbox Derby League. One athlete from this league traveled to Akron, Ohio to compete in the 2004 National Championships.
- Increased participation to 357 adults in the senior social dances which were developed to provide maturing adults with a social outlet.
- Entertained over 2,500 people with free movies at 12 different parks.
- Started the Indy Parks Chorus, Hometown Chorus, with students primarily from Arsenal Technical High School. Twenty-one youth participated and seven received scholarships to attend Harmony Camp in Ohio.
- Provided 90 area youth and adults the opportunity to participate in the new mural project for the Garfield Park MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts. Three large murals were displayed on the back wall of the center's stage throughout the summer.
- Received media promotion worth \$143,800 from WTTS, WTPI, and Nuvo.
- Served 80,099 free lunches to disadvantaged youth through the federal Summer Food Service Program. Increased the number of sites from 28 in 2003 to 57.
- Continued partnering with various organizations to improve facilities. Broad Ripple Park Family Center received dance room mirrors from the Broad Ripple Village Association, and JTV Hill Park Family Center received an electric range from Chrysler and numerous donations from SBC Ameritech including sofas, DVD/CD player, microwave, and sports equipment.
- Riverside Park Youth Football trip offered two teams the opportunity to travel to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the Youth Challenge Football Tournament.



Golf

The Golf Division provides high-quality golf opportunities for people of all ages and abilities throughout Indianapolis. This division manages municipal courses, as well as plans and oversees capital improvements at each course. It manages course operating contracts, service contracts, and course management contracts.

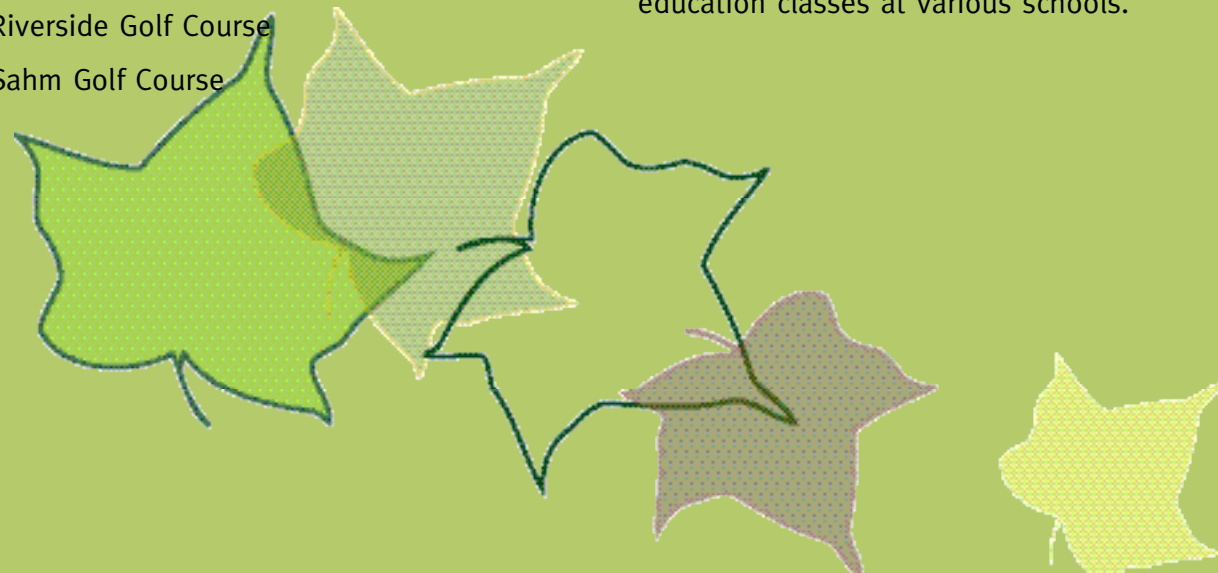
The 13 courses include:

- Coffin Golf Course
- Douglass Golf Course
- Eagle Creek Golf Course
- Pleasant Run Golf Course
- Riverside Golf Academy
- Riverside Golf Course
- Sahm Golf Course

- Sarah Shank Golf Course
- Smock Golf Course
- South Grove Golf Course
- Thatcher Golf Course
- Whispering Hills Golf Course
- Winding River Golf Course

2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Indy Parks' Junior Golf Program taught 768 urban youth during the summer program at Whispering Hills Golf Course.
- Through a new working relationship with Indianapolis Public Schools, 1,700 youth received golf instruction in physical education classes at various schools.



Sports and Special Revenue Facilities

The Sports and Special Revenue Facilities Division provides both quality sports programs and special facilities combined with educational opportunities for volunteers, coaches, and staff. Some of the facilities include indoor and outdoor aquatic centers, sports courts and fields, ice rinks, velodrome, skate park, and BMX track.

2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Chuck Klein Softball Complex hosted its first NCAA Conference Softball Tournament.
- The Urban Soccer League successfully completed its first season with over 500 children participating.
- Lake Sullivan hosted the First Annual Triple Threat "King of BMX". Participants from Indianapolis, Texas, and Florida competed in a BMX race, freestyle using the skate park, and a jumping competition.

- Indy Parks sent a team of four lifeguards to the International Ellis & Associates Lifeguard Competition held in New Jersey. Aquatic rescue management is the focus of the competition, along with communication, teamwork, and professionalism. The Indy Parks team qualified for nationals by placing first place out of twenty-seven teams competing at the Great Lakes Regional Competition.
- Received the National Excellence In Aquatics award. Indy Parks outperformed other parks systems from across the country to earn this award, which honors park agencies nationally that demonstrate excellence in planning and managing diversified aquatic services in cities with a population over 650,000 people.
- City of Indianapolis named Sports Illustrated 50th Anniversary Sportstown for the state of Indiana.



Environmental and Interpretive Services

The Environmental and Interpretive Services Division provides quality environmental education and interpretive programs to the community through nature centers, environmental education programs, natural and cultural history programs, fine art exhibits, and the Hub Naturalist program.

2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reached a total of 44,968 youth in outreach environmental education programs through the Hub Naturalist program.

- Hosted Orchard in Bloom at Holliday Park, the Indiana Arborists Association Tree Climbing competition at Eagle Creek Park, the U.S. Rowing National Championships at Eagle Creek Park, the Indiana High School Athletic Association Semi-State Cross Country meet at Southeastway Park, and two Indiana Master Naturalist Certification programs at Holliday Park and Eagle Creek Park.
- Presented three educational programs at the National Association for Interpretation national conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

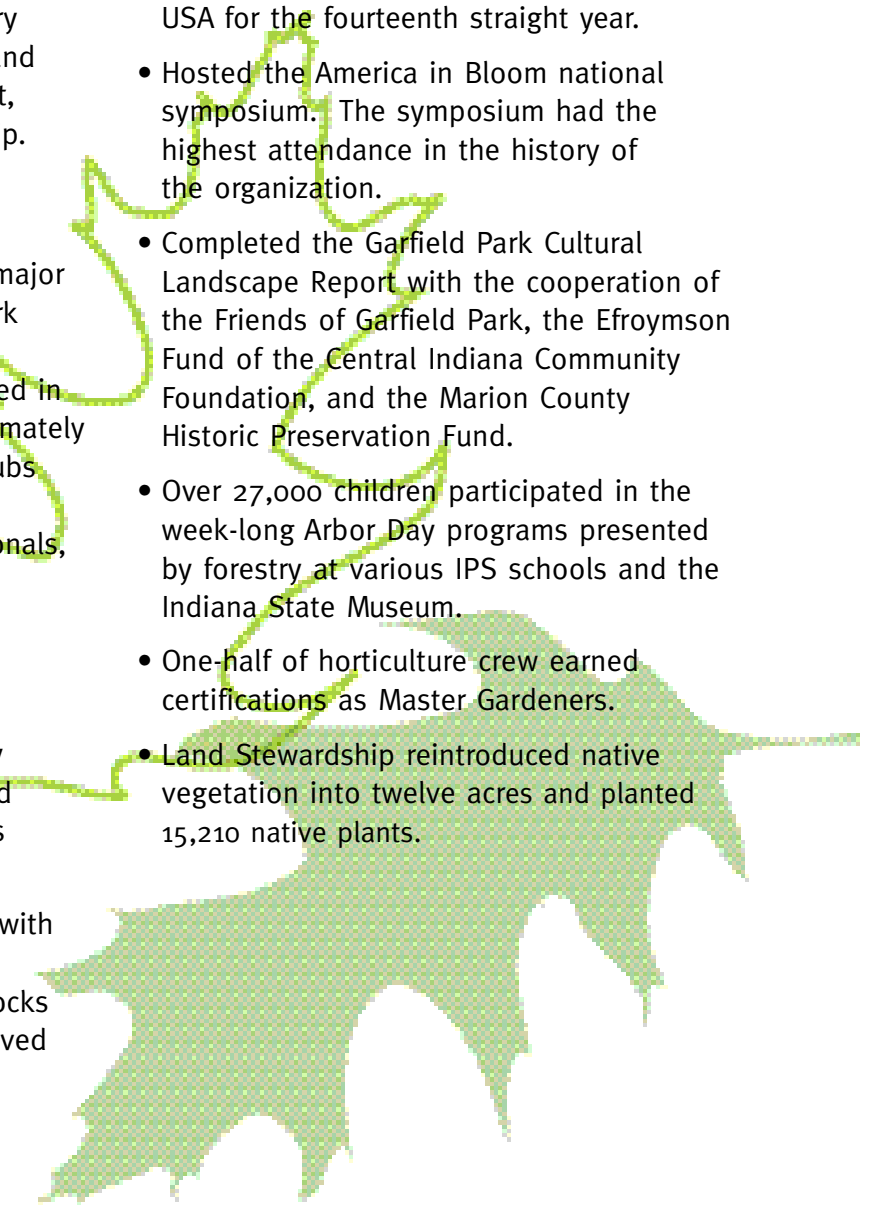


Park Maintenance

The Park Maintenance Division maintains Indy Parks facilities and parks. Operating elements include beautification, forestry (includes city's street trees), grounds and facility maintenance, land improvement, natural resources, and land stewardship.

2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Land Improvement supported three major rowing events at the Eagle Creek Park Rowing Course. Over 800 athletes, representing 30 universities, competed in the Indianapolis Invitational. Approximately 600 athletes, representing rowing clubs from throughout the United States, participated in the U.S. Rowing Nationals, and 100 athletes participated in the Midwest Regional Masters Rowing Championship.
- Facility Maintenance generated over \$250,000 in contract cost savings by utilizing staff resources to design and implement repairs and improvements to facilities.
- Facility Maintenance, in cooperation with the department's Risk Management Coordinator, re-keyed and re-cored locks at seven buildings resulting in improved security of the facilities.
- As a result of the efforts of the forestry staff, Indianapolis was named Tree City USA for the fourteenth straight year.
- Hosted the America in Bloom national symposium. The symposium had the highest attendance in the history of the organization.
- Completed the Garfield Park Cultural Landscape Report with the cooperation of the Friends of Garfield Park, the Efroymson Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, and the Marion County Historic Preservation Fund.
- Over 27,000 children participated in the week-long Arbor Day programs presented by forestry at various IPS schools and the Indiana State Museum.
- One-half of horticulture crew earned certifications as Master Gardeners.
- Land Stewardship reintroduced native vegetation into twelve acres and planted 15,210 native plants.



Resource Development

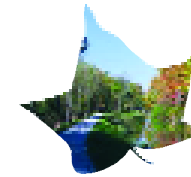
The Resource Development Division steers the direction of the department through resource planning, capital asset development, and sustainable strategic tactics. In addition to the planning tasks, this division is also responsible for construction management and project inspection, land acquisition, and real estate services.

2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed the new Washington Park Family Center.
- Completed the Municipal Gardens Family Center expansion.
- Completed the Christian Park Family Center expansion.
- Completed the Willard Park renovation.
- Acquired 14 properties and 128 acres valued at \$1,870,400.

- Completed the 2004 Indianapolis-Marion County Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan to be used for the next five years. The plan, approved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, makes the agency eligible to apply for grants through 2008.
- Completed design of the South White River Greenway.
- Completed design of the Rev. Mozel Sanders Park.
- Completed design of the Post Road Park.
- Initiated 48 capital improvement projects totaling over seven million dollars.
- Completed 62 site plans.
- Participated in 56 public presentations to plan and provide public information.

Greenways



The Greenways Division manages, improves, and maintains the greenways system within Marion County to provide recreational and fitness opportunities; promote open space conservation; link neighborhoods together with other parks and community assets; educate the public about the importance of the natural environment; promote economic development by making Indianapolis a desirable place where new businesses can locate; and redevelop and manage the Marion County bicycle routes as part of the Indianapolis Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which will connect the greenways and parks system to communities.

The Indianapolis Greenways Development Committee exists to encourage use, preservation and improvement of the Indianapolis greenways with regard to present and future operations, development, recreation, and its natural environment.

2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- White River Warfleigh Levy Trail completed from Kessler Boulevard to College Avenue.
- One and a half mile loop trail opened at Pogues Run Art and Nature Park.
- Three mural projects completed at the Jordan YMCA at 84th Street and at 49th Street and the Monon.
- Central Canal Towpath resurfaced from College Avenue to 30th Street.
- Completed Fall Creek Trail from Monon to Keystone Avenue.
- \$850,000 Transportation Enhancement grant received from Indiana Department of Transportation for the South White River Trail.
- Indy Parks Greenways web site, www.indygreenways.org, received 2,529,552 hits.
- Conducted greenways tours for the Midwest Transportation Planning Conference, America in Bloom, American Planning Association, and the National League of Cities.

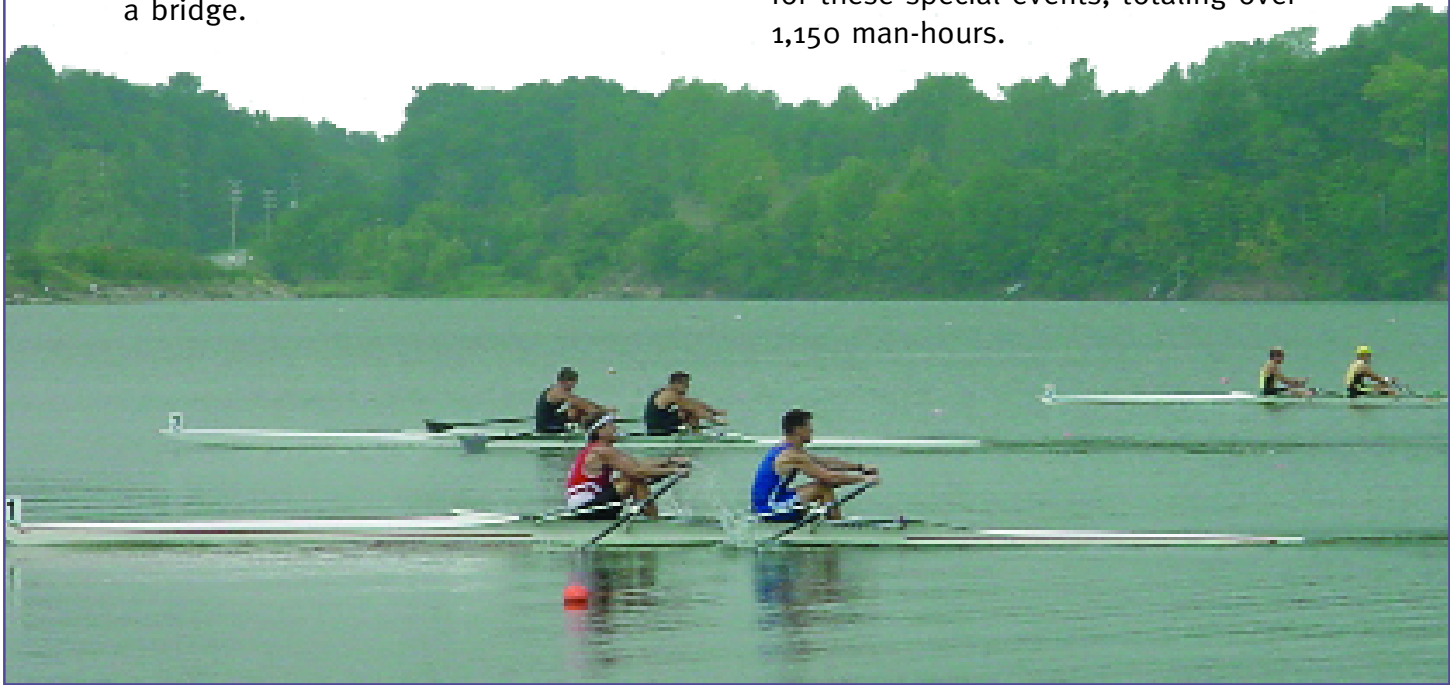
Park Rangers

The Park Rangers Division implements education safety programs, develops community policing strategies, and is responsible for enforcement of city ordinances, parks policies, and procedures.

2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Park Rangers made over 74,000 park visits and worked directly with over 160,000 individuals.
- One of the Park Rangers received a medal of bravery for physically stopping an individual who intended to jump from a bridge.

- The Park Watch program, School with a Park program, and canine demonstrations collectively presented 49 programs with over 3,500 people in attendance. These programs are aimed at educating the public in ways to safely enjoy the parks.
- The department's Risk Management Coordinator established and implemented safety and security at forty-seven special events. Park Rangers and Reserve Rangers provided security, traffic direction, and general law enforcement for these special events, totaling over 1,150 man-hours.



INDY PARKS AND RECREATION CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Revenues

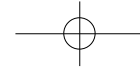
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| Taxes | \$ 19,273,321 |
| Charges for Services | 4,470,620 |
| Federal Grants | 533,165 |
| State and Local Grants and Donations | <u>72,925</u> |
| Interest and Other Operating Revenues | 720,227 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 25,070,258 |

Other Financing Sources

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| Sales and Lease of Property | \$ 232,446 |
| Prior Year Encumbrances Parks General | 6,302,142 |
| Prior Year Encumbrances City Cumulative Capital | <u>2,671,686</u> |
| Current Year City Cumulative Capital Allocation | 3,129,990 |
| Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources | \$ 37,406,522 |

Expenditures

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| Park and Recreation General | \$ 27,262,615 |
| Capital Outlays General | <u>6,785,320</u> |
| City Cumulative Capital Improvements | 3,208,444 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 37,256,379 |



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